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In re Application of:

Herman KUENZER et al.

Examiner: S. Qazi

Serial No.: 09/497,891

Group Art Unit: 1616

Filed: February 4, 2000

Title: 16-HYDROXYESTRATRIENES AS SELECTIVELY ACTIVE ESTROGENS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

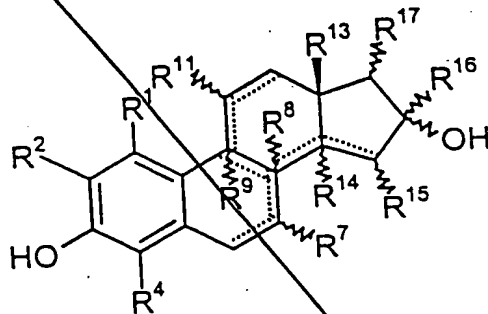
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel the existing claims in favor of the following new claims:

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53. A 3,16-Dihydroxyestra-1,3,5(10)-triene compound of formula I:



(I)

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in which radicals R¹ to R¹⁷, independently of one another, have the following meanings: